cmx
Testarotho
SANBE KEI
1

FLIP IT!!

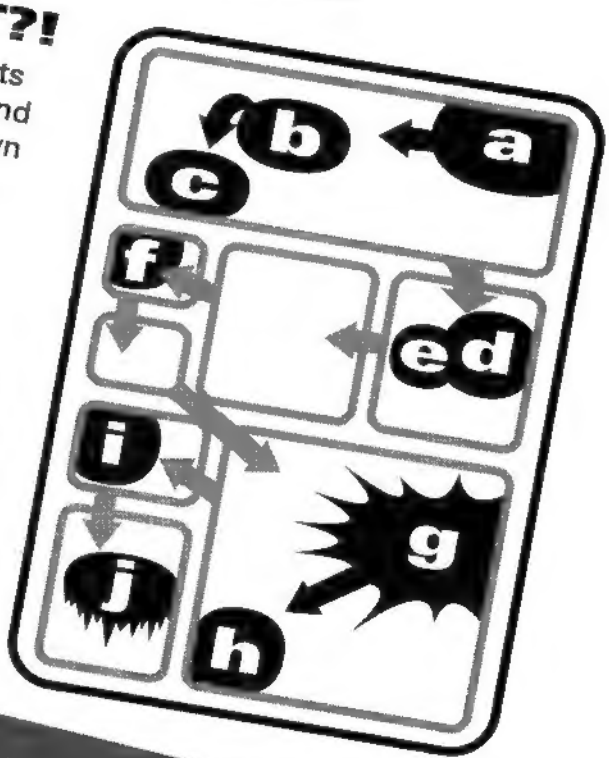
All the pages in this book were created—and are printed here—in Japanese RIGHT-to-LEFT format. No artwork has been reversed, so you can read the stories the way the creators meant for them to be read.

JAPANESE NAMES

Authentic Japanese name order is family name first, given name second. In CMX books we list the names of all characters as well as the manga creators in Japanese order, unless otherwise instructed by the author.

RIGHT TO LEFT?!

Traditional Japanese manga starts at the upper right-hand corner, and moves right-to-left as it goes down the page. Follow this guide for an easy understanding.



Catch the latest at cmxmanga.com!

テスタロト

Testarotto

1

三部 敬

By Sanbe Kei

Capria

Chapter of Arsenal
Passage 1: **One-Eyed Zebra**

Passage 1:
One-eyed Zebra

CONTENTS

5 **PASSAGE 1**
One-eyed Zebra

57 **PASSAGE 2**
The End of Loyalty and Courage

99 **PASSAGE 3**
Memory of a Red Hand, Part One

129 **PASSAGE 4**
Memory of a Red Hand, Part Two

Testarotho

1

ARE YOU SURE THESE ARE THE RIGHT CLOTHES ...?
IT'S A UNIFORM FOR AN ELYSIA UNIFICATION COUNCIL INITIATE THAT HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO FIT A WOMAN.
OH? SO, MOST OF THE MEMBERS ARE MALE?
CORRECT. SO, BE PREPARED FOR MORE RIGOROUS TRAINING THAN YOU HAD HERE.
THAT SOUNDS TOUGH...
YOU'RE THE FIRST OF OUR STUDENTS IN THREE YEARS TO DO WELL ENOUGH TO TRANSFER TO THE E.U.C.
YOU SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF YOURSELF.
CREE...
PLEASE, GO AHEAD.
CREEEAK
ELDIUS, MAY GOD LEAD YOU.
IT'S BEEN SO LONG ...
.....
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE OUTSIDE WORLD!

FWAP
CLOP CLOP CLOP
RATTLE RATTLE

RATTLE RATTLE
IT'S A CARRIAGE FOR THE INQUISITOR!
H-HOW FRIGHTEN-ING!
BEEP!
GLARE
RATTLE RATTLE

OK
BATTLE
.. THAT I'M HEADING THE SAME DIRECTION AS THAT CARRIAGE.
IT... IT GIVES ME THE CREEPS...
BRRR!
I'D BETTER HEAD DOWN TO THE CHURCH.
...IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE PLACE, BUT...
TH-THIS...
WHY DOES THE FACADE OF THE CHURCH...
...LOOK MORE LIKE THE ENTRANCE TO A PRISON ?!

HUH?!
CLOP CLOP CLOP
THIS IS TAROTH GARRINCHA.
A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, CAPRIA.
HUH?!
WELCOME, ROTHO CAPRIA.
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE THE INQUISI-TOR.
HUH?!
HUH?!
TOMORROW, I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO JOIN TAROTH GARRINCHA ON HIS VISIT TO THE BORDER VILLAGE OF GARUTASARAY.
YOU MAY GO NOW. GET SOME REST.
SCARY GUY...

RATTLE RATTLE
STUDY HARD.
Galatasaray
HUUH!
...I'M RIDING IN THAT CARRIAGE!!
GLITTER GLITTER
I--
I'M RIDING...
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE

THE TESTA-ROTHO ARE HERE.
RATTLE-RATTLE
TESTA-ROTHO...
IT'S CREEPY THE WAY VILLAGERS STARE AT THIS CARRIAGE.
THAT'S THE "COLD-HEARTED ZEBRA," GARRINCHA'S CARRIAGE.
DAMN TESTAROTHO!
THOSE LOOKS OF HORROR AND HATRED...

RATTLE
RATTLE
.....
RATTLE
REACH
ALLOW ME TO INTRO-DUCE...
...TAROTH GARRINCHA...
...THE MASTER OF OUR ORDER.
YOU'RE VERY BLESSED...
..TO BE ABLE TO LEARN FROM HIM.
PAY ATTENTION TO ALL HE SAYS AND DOES.
MY NAME IS SOCRATES.
I'M GLAD TO MEET YOU. I'M A PRIEST, BUT ALSO A DOCTOR.

PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, TOO!
A DOCTOR, HUH...?
HE LOOKED SCARY AT FIRST, BUT ACTUALLY SEEMS LIKE A NICE PERSON.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU...
AND THIS IS...
...TAROTH LEONEDUS.
.....

THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE YOU'VE BEEN AROUND MEN
DON'T WORRY. HE'S LIKE THAT WITH EVERY-ONE.
TH-THUMP TH-THUMP
HE SEEMS INTIMI-DATING !!
HE DOESN'T LIKE ME...?!
GARUDASARAY ABBEY.
WE'RE FINALLY HERE.
CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

SNAP
SAAAGH!!
HUFF
HUFF
UGH..
AH!
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT?!
YOU READY TO TALK YET, BITCH?!
WE DON'T REALLY WANT TO HURT YOU.
HUFF
HOW ABOUT WE MAKE A DEAL?
HUFF
YOU GIMME THE NAMES OF THE OTHER LEADERS ...
...AND I'LL LAY OFF THE WHIP UNTIL THE INQUISITOR GETS HERE.
HUFF
YOU--
I'LL MAKE YOU PAY FOR THAT!!
GRGN...
TE... STA... ROTHO...

!!
GRAB
FA-
FATHER GARRINCHA!
I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T WANT TO HURT HER?
...COUNSELOR NETZER?
WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT...
I'M VERY SORRY!
I FIGURED THAT IF WE COULD CONVINCE HER TO CONVERT TO ARSENAL, IT WOULD MAKE THINGS EASIER FOR YOU...

...SO HE'S ACTING OVER-ZEALOUS OUT OF FEAR THAT HE, TOO, MAY BE SUSPECTED.
THE ENTIRE VILLAGE IS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF NETZER'S CHURCH AND IS SUSPECTED OF PAGANISM...
EVERY-ONE'S ONLY CONCERNED ABOUT THEM-SELVES.
UNTIL THE INQUISITION IS OVER, EVART IS TO BE LEFT IN MY CARE.
ARE THERE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THAT, COUN-SELOR?
NO...
NO PROBLEM AT ALL!!
KLAK
HEH...
HEH HEH HEH..
SOCRATES...
...TREAT HER WOUNDS.

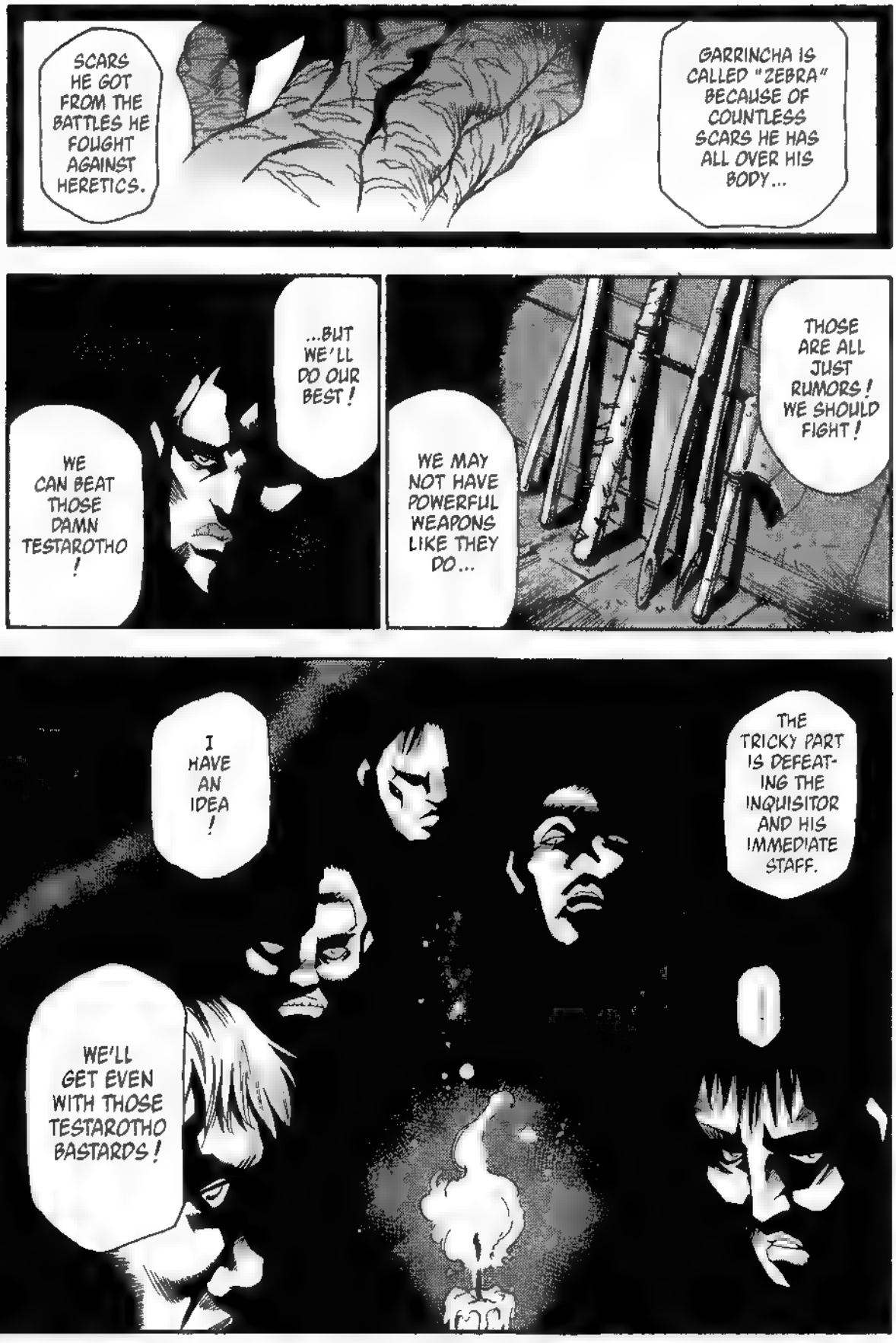
WHAT A POOR VILLAGE.
EVER SINCE THE CHARGE OF PAGANISM HIT, DONATIONS FROM THE CHURCH HAVE ALL BUT DRIED UP.
TO BE HONEST, THAT'S WHAT WE'D HOPED WOULD HAPPEN.
WITH EVERYONE POOR AND STARVING, WE HOPED THAT IT WOULD INCITE THE HERETICS TO REVOLT AGAINST THEIR PAGAN LEADERS.
THE PROBLEM WHEN DEALING WITH HERETICS, THOUGH...
...IS THAT THEY CAN BE SO DAMN FANATICAL, IT'S HARD TO BREAK THEM.

ONCE WE CAPTURE THE OTHERS, THINGS WILL GET MUCH EASIER.
THERE MUST BE SEVERAL OTHER LEADERS ASIDE FROM EVART.
IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY TO CONVERT THESE PEOPLE.
THIS LAND USED TO BE HELD BY THE CORINTHIANS, SO OUR HISTORICAL INFLUENCE HERE IS SLIM TO NONE.
...SMILING.
THAT WOMAN WAS...
...EVERY-ONE WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO CONVERT TO ARSENAL.
IF NETZER WERE TO BE REMOVED AND REPLACED BY AN ARSENAL ABBOT FROM NEO ARSEN...
WHEN NETZER HEARD THAT GARRINCHA WAS COMING, HE AND HIS STAFF TRIED TO CAPTURE THE HERETIC LEADERS ON THEIR OWN.
SAME THING CAN BE SAID FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH.
WE'RE HERE TO MAKE THAT SHIFT HAPPEN.

SMILE
GRIN
HERE YOU GO.
RUSTLE
PITTER PATTER PITTER
GOD BLESS!

OH... PLEASE WAIT, FATHER LEONEDUS!
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO FORMAL WITH ME.
YOU MAY CALL ME LEONEDUS.
SPLOOSH
SPLASH
CLAK
IF WE'RE ABLE TO SUCCESS-FULLY CONVERT THESE HERETICS TO ARSENAL...
...THIS VILLAGE WILL PROSPER AGAIN...
...AND THAT GIRL WILL BE ABLE TO EAT WHAT SHE WANTS.

WE MUST RESCUE EVART.
!
BUT, HOW?
THE INQUISITOR THEY SENT...
...IS TAROTH GARRINCHA, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "COLD-HEARTED ZEBRA."
WITHOUT HESITATION, HE MURDERS THOSE...
...WHO WON'T ACCEPT THE TEACHINGS OF ARSENAL.
HE HAS ONE EYE AND NO SYMPATHY !
I HEARD THAT WHEN HE SENTENCES SOMEONE TO DEATH ...
...HE POURS THIS BLACK POWDER ON THEM, KNOWN AS "DEATH POWDER."


SCARS HE GOT FROM THE BATTLES HE FOUGHT AGAINST HERETICS.
GARRINCHA IS CALLED "ZEBRA" BECAUSE OF COUNTLESS SCARS HE HAS ALL OVER HIS BODY...
WE CAN BEAT THOSE DAMN TESTAROTHO !
...BUT WE'LL DO OUR BEST !
WE MAY NOT HAVE POWERFUL WEAPONS LIKE THEY DO...
THOSE ARE ALL JUST RUMORS ! WE SHOULD FIGHT !
WE'LL GET EVEN WITH THOSE TESTAROTHO BASTARDS !
I HAVE AN IDEA !
THE TRICKY PART IS DEFEATING THE INQUISITOR AND HIS IMMEDIATE STAFF.

BRING FORTH THE EVIDENCE.
YOU HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF HERESY.
DEFENDANT EVART.
...AS OWNING THEM IS TANTAMOUNT TO PRACTICING PAGANISM.
AS IS WELL KNOWN, IT IS HERESY TO OWN ANY SANTOGIQUE ARTIFACTS...
THE SENTENCE FOR OWNING SUCH ITEMS IS SEVERE.
THIS CEREMONIAL SANTOGIQUE DAGGER WAS FOUND IN YOUR HOME.
IT SICKENS ME TO THINK THAT YOU WOULD FIND SUCH AN ARTIFACT AND WILLINGLY HOLD ON TO IT. GOD ONLY KNOWS WHAT UNHOLY RITES YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN USING IT FOR.
THE SANTOGIQUE CULT, A FILTHY SECT OF DEVIL WORSHIP, WAS BANNED ALMOST 300 YEARS AGO AND ALL ARTIFACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CULT WERE ORDERED DESTROYED.

THIS IS A MOST SERIOUS CRIME!
...COULD LEAD TO A MISUNDER-STANDING OF OUR NATION BY NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.
THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THESE HERETICAL RELIGIOUS PRACTICES ...
DO YOU ADMIT YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE HERETICAL RELIGION?
DEFENDANT EVART!
...AND SWEAR THAT YOU WILL CONVERT TO ARSENAL...
IF YOU CONFESS YOUR INVOLVE-MENT ...
EVART, YOU MUST THINK CARE-FULLY.

YOUR SINS WILL BE FORGIVEN AND YOU WILL BE ACQUITTED.
REALLY? SHE'LL BE FORGIVEN ?!
IN THAT CASE...
TES... TA...
PLEASE!! PLEASE ACKNOW-LEDGE YOUR MISTAKES AND CONVERT!
NO... NO!!
...ROTHO...
.....

DOOM
YOU ARE HEREBY FOUND GUILTY!!
YOU SHALL BURN AT THE STAKE FOR YOUR SINS!!
EVART, LET ME ASK ONCE AGAIN...
NO, I BESEECH YOU...

WILL YOU CONVERT TO ARSENAL?
HOLAT
ACCIE
WHY IS SHE ...?!
I SEE YOU ARE SET IN YOUR DECISION.
.....
THEN I'M AFRAID I HAVE NO CHOICE.

ELDIUS...
SHHH
SHHH
SHHH
"DEATH POWDER!"
THAT DEVIL!
WAIT FOR US, EVART...
IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME SEEING SOMEONE BURNED AT THE STAKE?
NOD
WHAT IS THAT POWDER FOR?

IT'S A DEADLY POWDER, THAT WHEN SET WITH FIRE, EMITS A SMOKE WHICH PROLONGS THE BURNING PROCESS.
IT'S A FORMULA OF MY OWN CONCOC-TION.
...YOUR BODY IS SLOWLY CHARRED OVER A MATTER OF HOURS, CAUSING UNIMAGINABLE PAIN.
THEN, AS YOU SIT THERE, NAKED...
YOUR CLOTHES WILL BURN FIRST, STRIPPING YOU BARE IN FRONT OF THE CROWD.
WHEN YOU'RE BURNED AT THE STAKE, YOU'RE NOT JUST BURNED TO DEATH.
...THAT'S WHAT BEING FAITHFUL IS ALL ABOUT.
DESPITE THE FACT THAT HERS IS A HERETICAL RELIGION...
CAPRIA, WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE IF YOU WERE IN HER POSITION?
BRING THE FIRE!
I THINK YOU WOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN UP YOUR FAITH, EITHER.
BUT... WHY...? SHE HAD A CHANCE TO SURVIVE...

CLANK
OH, NO!!
FOOM
THUD!
GAAAAAAH!
WHA--
WHAT IN THE WORLD?!

GUARDS!! DON'T LET THEM OPEN THE MAIN GATE!
CLNK
CLNK

GKAAAH!!

TROOOOAR!!!

AH... OH, NO!
BWOOSH

FATHER GARRINCHA, PLEASE RETREAT TO THE ABBEY.
YES...
WAAAAH!

GAGH!
RAAAAGH!

GRAB
NO WAY!
CURSED TESTA-ROTHO!
THAT DAMN PRIEST!
WHA--?!
!!
SWO

ELDIUS.

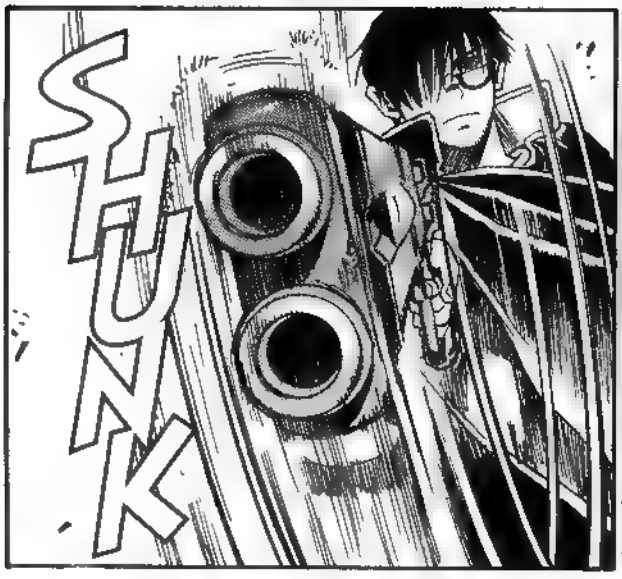
ONE... ONE-EYED...?! NO!!

FLAP

IT CAN'T BE...

THAT MAN IS...

KABLAM


SHUNK

CLICK

WHA-
WHAT?
WHAT
IS
THIS?!

BOOSH

WITHOUT ANY HESI-TATION...!

GET TO THE STAKE !!

WE'RE OUT-NUMBERED. I DIDN'T EXPECT THIS MANY PEOPLE TO SHOW UP AND ATTACK US.
BUT, IF WE MAKE IT OUT OF THIS ALIVE...
...WE'LL AT LEAST KNOW WHO SOME OF THEIR LEADERS ARE.

SLASH
TWIST
CRACK

GyAAAAH!

I WILL GO CAPTURE OTHER MEMBERS.
THIS IS ONE OF THE LEADERS.

CAPRIA, GO FIND LEONEDUS. AND DON'T WORRY.
THE VILLAGERS ARE ONLY AFTER THE INQUISITOR AND EVART.
O--
OKAY!
WAAAAA...
BU-BUT WHERE DID LEONEDUS GO...?
PEEK
!
PEEK
WHY DID THEY HAVE TO BRING HER HERE?
THE GIRL FROM EARLIER!
COME WITH ME!
DASH
THIS PLACE IS DANGER-OUS!
DASH
YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE!

WHACK

DROP
N--
NOOOOOO!!!

!
HOW COULD YOU?!
LEONEDUS!
KABOOOM
PLOP PLOP PLOP

I'M OKAY...
...BUT, YOU...YOU'RE BLEEDING!!
AH...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
AH..
...WE FAILED...
...FAILED..
WE'VE FAILED...
STAGGER
...WE'VE FAILED. SHIT.
DAMN TESTA-ROTHO!
IT'S ALL THEIR FAULT...
OUR PLAN...
KA-THNK

CORINTHIANS ARE WEAK AND THAT'S WHY HERETICS LIKE THESE GROW POWERFUL.
CAPRIA...
THIS IS WHO THEY ARE.
WAAAAH!
WHERE ARE THE LEADERS?!
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
LET'S...
UWAAAH!
WHOA!
DAMN TESTA-ROTHO...
TESTAROTHO...
WAAAAA
WAAAA
WE'RE SCREWED!
GRRR...
AH...
UH...
THEY CAPTURED ALL OF THEM!

SHUT UP, HERETIC!
GUH!
THINK
E... EVART... FORGIVE US... WE...
WE COULDN'T RESCUE YOU...
SLIDE
AND AS YOU SLOWLY ROAST TO DEATH...
YOU BASTARDS! SOME DAY WE'LL STOP YOU AND GIVE YOU A TURN AT THE STAKE!
YOU FILTHY TESTA-ROTHO!
AH HA HA HA HA!!
HEH...
HEH... BWA HA HA...
...HA HA HA!
...YOU CAN THINK ABOUT ALL THE SINS YOU'RE COMMITTING NOW!

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THEM?
THOSE WHO ARE NOT LEADERS ...
...WILL GET AWAY WITH A LIGHT SENTENCE.
THE LEADERS WILL FOLLOW EVART TO THE STAKE.
HUG
.....

I COULDN'T SLEEP AT ALL THAT NIGHT.
WHEN THE MORNING CAME, IT WAS GLOOMY OUTSIDE-- AS IF THE WEATHER WAS REFLECTING MY DISMAL MOOD.
THAT'S WHAT MASTER GARRINCHA SAID.
...THEIR SINS WILL ALSO BE BURNED AND THEIR PURIFIED SOULS WILL REACH UP TO GOD.
AS THEY ARE BURNED TO DEATH ...

...BUT I CAN'T AGREE WITH THEIR WAY OF LIFE.
EVART SAID THAT WHAT WE DID WAS A SIN...
THAT'S WHAT FATHER SOCRATES TOLD ME.
AS YOU SAW IN THE VILLAGE, THESE CORINTHIANS CAN'T LOOK OUT FOR THEIR OWN.
I'M CERTAIN THAT WE CAN LEAD THEM TO JUSTICE.
THOSE WHO FOLLOW THE TEACHINGS OF ARSENAL ARE THE HAPPIEST AND MOST PROSPEROUS PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY.
LEONEDUS HASN'T MOVED SINCE LAST NIGHT.
HE SEEMED MUCH CALMER THAN HE WAS AT FIRST.
GLANCE

...WAS TO SAVE THAT GIRL.
ALL I WANTED TO DO...
...HE'S PROBABLY USED TO THIS.
LEONEDUS...
RUSTLE
LEONEDUS...
IT'S TIME FOR THE MORNING SERVICE.
OH...
I'LL CATCH UP WITH YOU LATER.
CREAK
DING
DONG

CLACK
...OKAY.
PUSH
I'LL BE THERE SOON.
SLICE
DRIP
DRIP
PEEL
SLICE

SLICE

End Passage 1

Passage 2:
The End of Loyalty and Courage

LEONEDUS! DON'T KILL HIM.
.....

DA
DASH
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
DA
DASH
LEAD

GAH!
THUD
THESE ARE NO MERE VILLAGE RABBLE. THEY'RE WELL-ORGANIZED... QUICK.
THEY KNOW THE LAY OF THE CITY TOO WELL.
SPLAT
UGH...

11
HUH?!
I'M LOST ...
HE'S INJURED.
I WONDER IF HE WAS ATTACKED BY THEM?
...I WONDER WHERE LEONEDUS WENT?
I NEED TO TREAT HIS WOUNDS!
!
ARE YOU AN ARSENAL ROTHO ?
HUFF
HUFF
SHIT... ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL ME?!

I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO KILL ANYONE...
N-NO! I...I WAS JUST TRYING ... TO HELP YOU!
I APOLOGIZE. IN THAT CASE, COULD I ASK YOU TO TREAT MY WOUND?
I SEE ...
...IS TYPICAL OF ARSENAL TEACHING.
THE FACT THAT YOU DIDN'T SAY "NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO KILL," INSTEAD...
TUG
YOU DON'T HAVE "THE RIGHT TO KILL" ...
DASH
THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF ME, ROTHO.
HAH!

THERE YOU ARE, LEONEDUS!
DO YOU SEE HIM, LEONEDUS?
?
!!
NO, BUT HE HAD TO HAVE COME THIS WAY.
WHIP

KABLAM
GAAH!
AAAGH!
GAH...

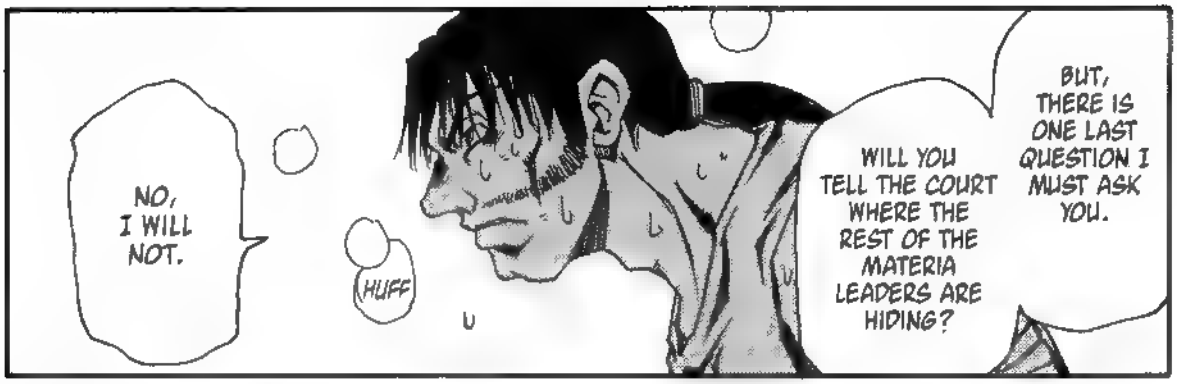
GAAH
...
AH
...
AGH
...
SLAM
AGH!
I HAVE MANY QUESTIONS TO ASK YOU.
I'M NOT GOING TO KILL YOU.
B-BASTARD!! JUST KILL ME...!
YOU MUST BE ONE OF THE LEADERS OF MATERIA.
AS SOON AS THE INQUISITOR ARRIVES, HE'LL SENTENCE YOU TO BE SENT TO NEO ARSEN. BE PREPARED.

ARE YOU SERIOUS, FATHER?
OF COURSE, I'M SERIOUS.
I'LL TRY HIS CASE TONIGHT...
...BEFORE GARRINCHA ARRIVES.
I REFUSE TO LET AN ARSENAL INQUISITOR INTERROGATE HIM!
BUT, FATHER! SURELY NEO ARSEN WILL BE DISPLEASED!
I KNOW. THAT'S WHY...
I HEAR THAT THE MAN WHO WAS CAPTURED THIS MORNING IS A MEMBER OF MATERIA...
...BUT HIS DENOMINATION IS STILL CORINTHIAN, JUST LIKE US.
THIS LAND IS THE DOMAIN OF SIR PROSHNETZKI, SECOND IN THE LINE TO THE THRONE. THIS IS A CORINTHIAN MATTER AND SHOULD BE SETTLED THE CORINTHIAN WAY.

...IF THINGS SHOULD TURN OUT ILL FOR ME, PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF MY ABBEY.
...AS LONG AS THEY ARE ON CORINTHIAN SOIL, JUDGMENT WILL SOMEWHAT BE IN THEIR FAVOR.
...BUT BECAUSE IF THEY WERE TO BE CAPTURED ...
THE REASON MATERIA MEMBERS ARE HIDING IN THIS TOWN IS NOT ONLY THEIR FAMILIARITY WITH THE GEOGRAPHY...
IT SEEMS GROSHICHI HAS NO DESIRE TO WAIT UNTIL GARRINCHA ARRIVES.
HE'LL BE ABLE TO TRY THE CASE BY ARRESTING HIM ON A CHARGE OF THEFT OR FOR BEING ONE OF THE MATERIA LEADERS.
NO, BUT HE'S AN OFFICIAL JUDGE.
BUT, GROSHICHI ISN'T AN OFFICIAL INQUISITOR, IS HE?
BUT, IF HE IS FOUND TO BE A MATERIA LEADER THEN HE'LL GET THE DEATH PENALTY OR BE SENT TO NEO ARSEN, RIGHT?
WE MADE A MISTAKE IN BRINGING HIM INTO A CORINTHIAN ABBEY.
.....
BUT, IF IT'S A CORINTHIAN'S INQUISITION ...
IN AN ARSENAL INQUISITION THAT WOULD BE THE CASE.

WE WILL NOW BEGIN THE TRIAL.
DEFENDANT MEORA.
HUFF
HUFF
IS THIS TRUE?
YOU ARE SUSPECTED OF BEING ONE OF THE LEADERS OF MATERIA.
THIS IS WHERE IT GETS INTEREST-ING.
WOW, HE ALREADY ADMITTED IT.
... YES IT IS.
...AND INVOLVEMENT WITH VARIOUS THEFTS, INJURIES, AND MURDERS THAT TOOK PLACE AT AN ARSENAL ABBEY.
YOU ARE ALSO SUSPECTED OF POSSESSING SANTOGIQUE RELICS, PARTICIPATING IN ATTACKS AGAINST ARSENAL INQUISITORS...
I SEE.

IS IT TRUE THAT YOU PARTICIPATED IN THESE HEINOUS CRIMES?
NO, IT IS NOT.
VERY WELL. AS THERE IS NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONNECT YOU TO THESE CRIMES. THESE CHARGES WILL BE DISMISSED.
WOW...I CAN FEEL THE TENSION!
GASP!
IT ALMOST MADE ME DRAW MY SWORD.
DEFENDANT ADMITTED THE FACT THAT HE'S ONE OF THE LEADERS OF MATERIA.
ALSO, IT COULD BE SAID THAT HE PARTIALLY ATONED FOR HIS SIN, BY LOSING HIS LEFT ARM IN AN UNJUST ATTACK.
FURTHER-MORE HE'S A DEVOUT CORINTHIAN.
.....


BUT, THERE IS ONE LAST QUESTION I MUST ASK YOU.
WILL YOU TELL THE COURT WHERE THE REST OF THE MATERIA LEADERS ARE HIDING?
HUFF
NO, I WILL NOT.

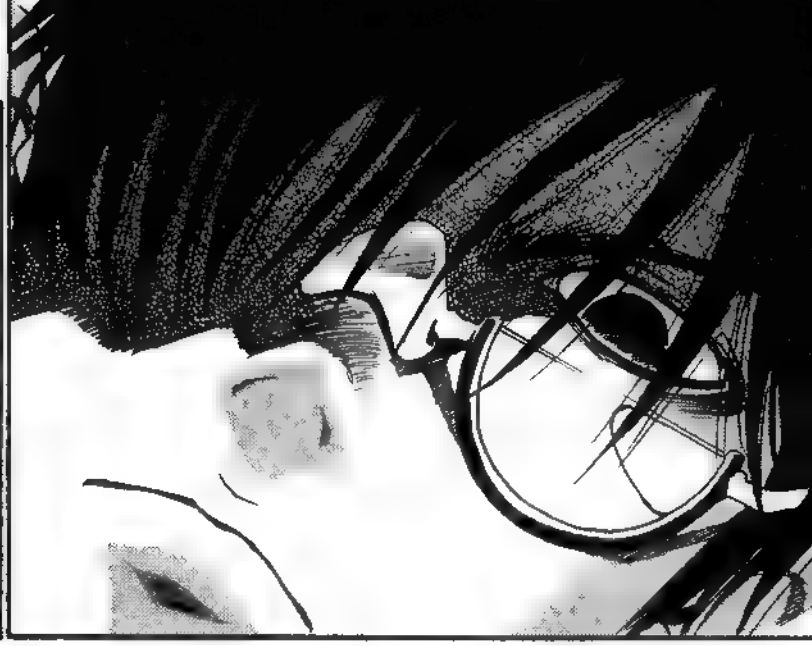
SHIT! THEY'RE RELEASING HIM!

YOU'LL BE STATIONED IN STARD LARN FARM. THE COURT IS DISMISSED.

SLAM
GUILTY!
FOR AN INDEFI-NITE PERIOD ...
...YOU MUST ENGAGE IN PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY.
!

KA
CHAK
...IS THERE A PROBLEM?
FATHER
LET ME GUESS. YOU'RE HERE TO APPREHEND MEORA SO YOU CAN SUBJECT HIM TO YOUR USUAL ARSENAL TORTURE, AM I RIGHT?
WE GET IT. NOW GET THE HELL OUT OF OUR WAY.
!!
SORRY, BUT AS LONG AS YOU'RE ON CORINTHIAN SOIL, YOU FOLLOW CORINTHIAN RULES.

YOU HEARD HIM, MEN...
...LET THEM THROUGH...



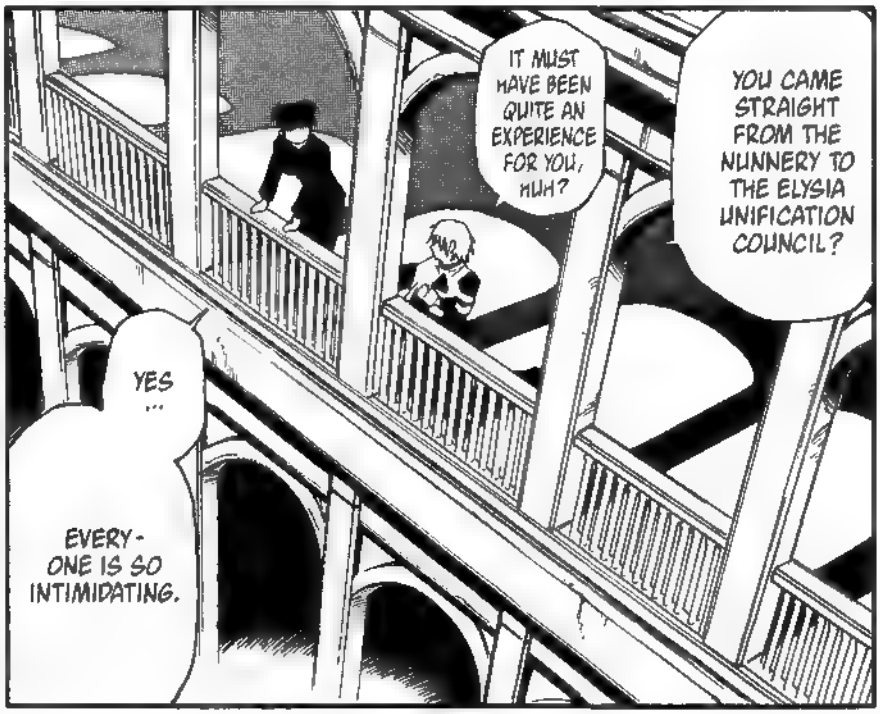
I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW FAST HE DISAPPEARED WITH THOSE WOUNDS.
IT'S AS IF THE PEOPLE OF THIS TOWN SEE THESE MATERIA OUTLAWS AS THEIR SAVIORS.
THE PEOPLE ARE HELPING THEM, AND SO IS THE CHURCH.

THAT INQUISITION WAS A FARCE.
ONCE GARRINCHA ARRIVES, WE'LL REPORT WHAT HAS HAPPENED.
THEN WE'LL SHOW FATHER GROSHICHI WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO INTERFERE WITH JUSTICE.

RATTLE
INQUISITOR GARRINCHA HAS ARRIVED.
Z
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, INQUISITOR.
INDEED.
DON'T WORRY, FATHER. WE'LL PROTECT YOU.
WE WON'T LET THOSE ARSENAL PIGS WALK ALL OVER US!

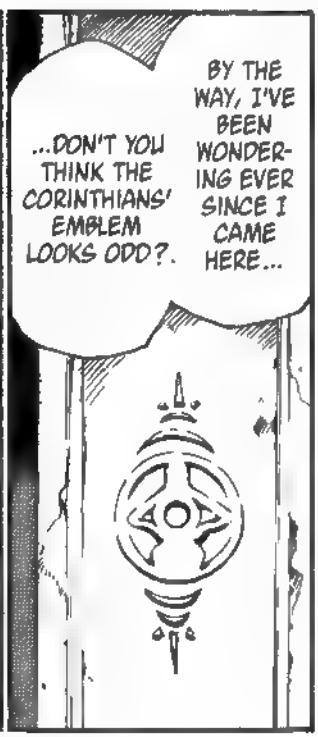
OH.
YOU'RE CAPRIA, RIGHT?
I'M GINORA, SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD, AND AN ORDAINED PRIEST. IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.
CLICK CLACK
ARE YOU ALSO AN INITIATE?
HUH?
WHAT? PRIEST...? HE'S YOUNGER THAN ME!
HAVE YOU DONE ONE OF THESE PUZZLES BEFORE, CAPRIA? IT'S REALLY HARD!
WOW!
CLICK CLACK
GINORA.
THIS WAY. I'LL TAKE YOU TO YOUR ROOM.

THAT'S BECAUSE THEY NEVER SMILE.
HAHA!


IT MUST HAVE BEEN QUITE AN EXPERIENCE FOR YOU, HUH?
YOU CAME STRAIGHT FROM THE NUNNERY TO THE ELYSIA UNIFICATION COUNCIL?
YES ...
EVERY-ONE IS SO INTIMIDATING.

THE BOOK OF MARAKANAN, CHAPTER 1, VERSE 13--DO YOU REMEMBER THE LAST PART? THAT VERSE IS THE BASIS FOR THE EMBLEM.
OH ...?
WELL..."HE HAS AN EYE THAT CAN SEE THROUGH ALL THINGS, EVEN THE SOULS OF MEN, AND HE AWAITS THE SACRED MOMENT WHEN HE SHALL BE BORN FROM A HUMAN BODY."...I THINK.

GNK
EVEN THOUGH YOU STUDIED AT A NUNNERY, YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE ROYAL FAMILY?


BY THE WAY, I'VE BEEN WONDER-ING EVER SINCE I CAME HERE...
...DON'T YOU THINK THE CORINTHIANS' EMBLEM LOOKS ODD?.

LONG STORY SHORT, IN ARSENAL TEACHINGS, THE IMPORTANCE IS AN EYE THAT CAN SEE THE TRUTH...
...AND IN CORINTHIAN TEACHING, THE IMPORTANCE IS NEW-BORN LIFE.
THEIR VERSION OF THE EMBLEM REFLECTS THEIR BELIEFS.
I NEVER KNEW THAT...
HOW IMPRES-SIVE! HE SURELY IS A PRIEST.
WHAT A SORRY RELIGION ...
...I WISH WE COULD CONVERT ALL CORINTHIANS TO THE TRUE PATH.
THAT ABBOT, GROSH-ICHI...
...IS GUILTY OF FREEING ONE OF THE MATERIA LEADERS.
IF IT WERE UP TO ME, I'D SENTENCE HIM TO DEATH.
.....
BUT, IF HE THINKS THAT'LL STOP US FROM ROUNDING UP REST OF THE MATERIA RABBLE, HE'S GOT ANOTHER THING COMING.
CLICK CLICK
WELL THEN ...
...GOOD NIGHT.
AH ...
G-GOOD NIGHT.

I NEED TO STUDY HARDER...
HUH?!
DON'T MAKE A PEEP, GIRL.
AS LONG AS YOU STAY QUIET, I WON'T KILL YOU.
!!

AH...
AH...
HE!!
HELP ME!!
DASH
SHE'S GETTING AWAY! AFTER HER!
HUFF
HUFF
DASH
AIM FOR HER FEET!

FWOOSH
HUHz!
MY...MY CLOTHES ...?!

...AH...
...AH...
SHIVER
SHIVER
.....
ALL RIGHT.
TAKE HER.
SHIVER
SHIVER
MY LEGS ...
...ARE FROZEN.

LEONEDUS.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP HERE? THE INQUISITION FOR THE ABBOT IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.
OH, GINORA...
...I CAN'T FIND CAPRIA. HAVE YOU SEEN HER?
THIS IS A HUGE BUILDING. MAYBE SHE JUST GOT LOST?
I'M SURE SHE'LL TURN UP SOON.
SHE'S NOT A KID. I'M SURE SHE'S FINE.
I'LL SEE YOU AT THE COURT.
GLINT
.....

WE DIDN'T EXPECT THERE TO BE A CHICK IN GARRINCHA'S GROUP.
WE GOT LUCKY.
HEH HEH HEH ...
WE LOST A LOT OF GOOD MEN TO THAT BLACK MAN AND THE MONOCLED GUY.

I SAY WE KILL THIS BITCH RIGHT NOW!
STOP!
TOUCH HER AGAIN AND YOU'LL BE THE ONE WHO DIES.
HMPH...
HEY.
BRING HER SOME FOOD... AND A BLANKET.
HUFF
HUFF
DON'T FORGET THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED HER... AS A BARGAINING CHIP.
HUFF
WHEN THE TIME COMES, GIRL... WE'LL TRADE YOUR LIFE FOR GROSHICHI'S.
HE LET ME GO BECAUSE I'M A FELLOW CORINTHIAN.
HONESTLY, I DIDN'T EXPECT SUCH A LIGHT SENTENCE... GROSHICHI HELPED ME OUT KNOWING THAT DOING SO WOULD MAKE HIS LIFE FORFEIT ONCE GARRINCHA ARRIVED.
HUFF
I CAN'T LET THEM SENTENCE HIM TO DEATH.

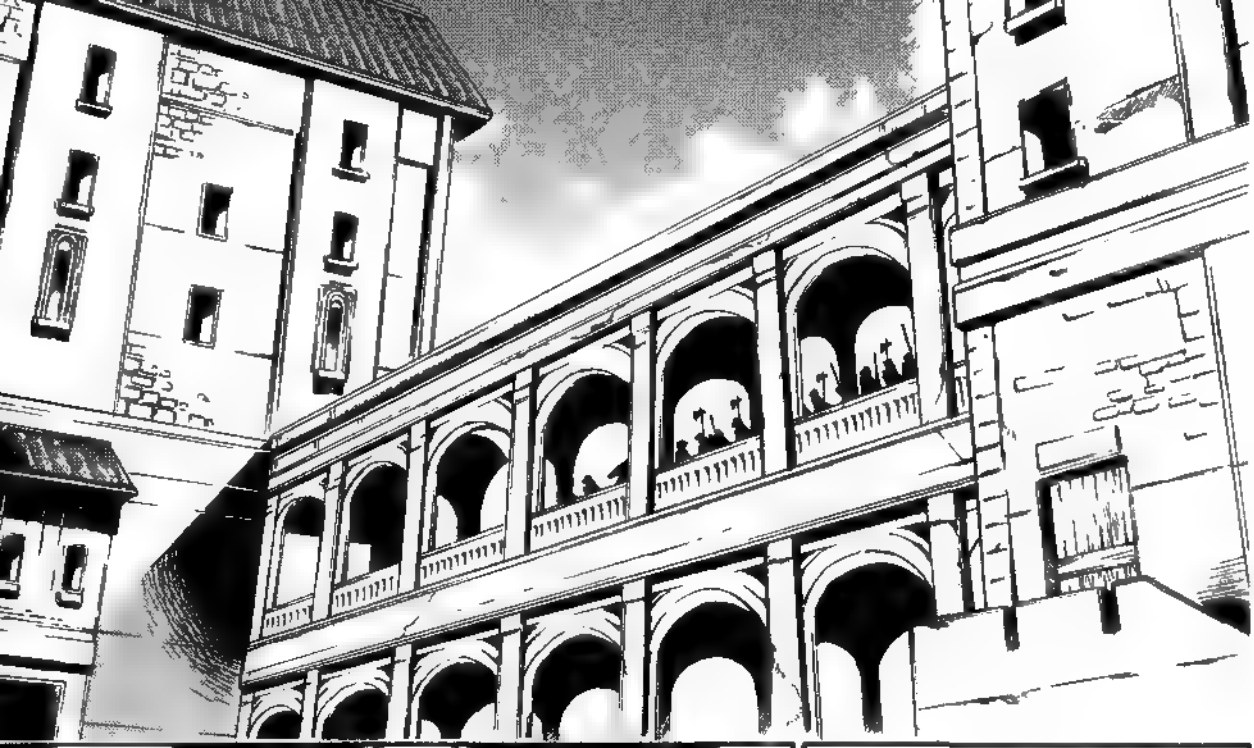
...ARE THERE ANY OTHER PRIESTS FROM "GARDEN," ASIDE FROM THOSE TWO?
HUFF
...?
LET ME ASK YOU...
THERE ARE ONLY FIVE OF US LEFT, INCLUDING MYSELF, WHO CAN FIGHT.
HUFF
WHAT'S THE MATTER? EAT UP BEFORE IT GETS COLD.
WE ALSO HAVE A GUN.
LET'S TAKE IT WITH US.
IF YOU DON'T KNOW... THAT'S ALL RIGHT.
I BELIEVE ONE OF THE PRIESTS HAD A GUN.
WHY DO YOU AND MATERIA INSIST ON LIVING SUCH A SINFUL LIFE?
UM... EXCUSE ME...

WE DON'T CONSIDER WHAT WE DO TO BE SINFUL.
WE'RE POOR. WE DO WHAT WE HAVE TO DO TO SURVIVE...
...TAKING BACK WHAT ARSENAL HAS STOLEN FROM US.
CHOMP
SINFUL?
WOULDN'T YOU SAY THAT'S A NOBLE ARRANGE-MENT?
ARE THESE "SINS"?
BEFORE ARSENAL CAME, MANY PEOPLE EARNED THEIR LIVING RAISING, BUTCHERING AND SELLING THE MEAT OF THESE ANIMALS.
WE NEED THE FOOD TO SURVIVE--THEY NEED THE WORK IN ORDER TO BE PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS.
...BUT IT'S OKAY TO EAT BEEF AND LAMB.
HERE'S AN EXAMPLE: IT'S AGAINST OUR RELIGION TO EAT CHICKEN...
DID THEY TEACH YOU THAT ALL MEAT SERVED AT A DINNER TABLE HAS DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES?
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOUR FOOD COMES FROM, GIRL?
BUT, ARSENAL LAW STATES THAT NO ONE MAY KILL THESE ANIMALS.

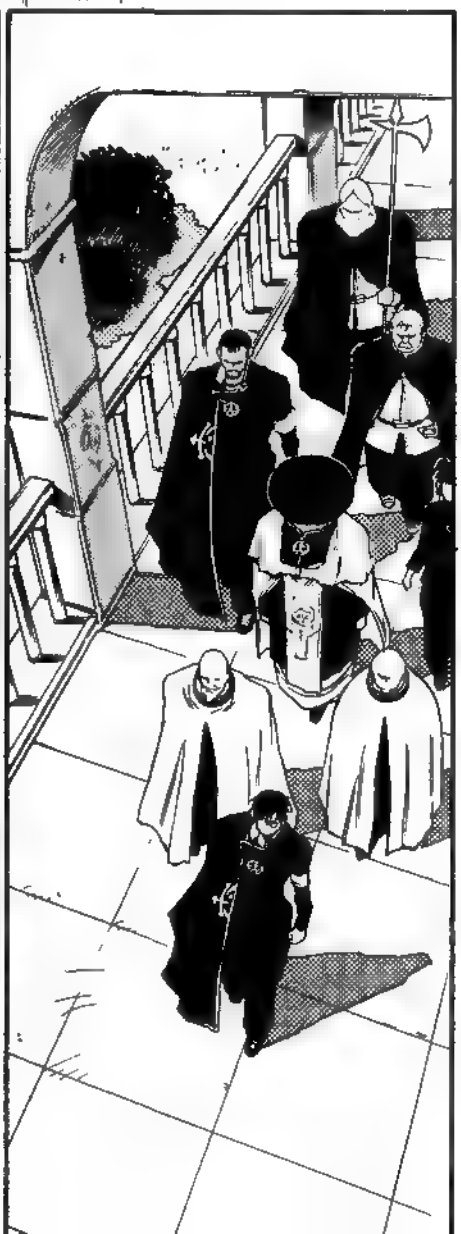
...BUT WE LIVE BY OUR OWN RULES.
WE CORINTHIANS MAY WORSHIP THE SAME GOD AS YOU...
HUFF
HUFF
IF ANYONE INCONVEN-IENCES THEM, THEY KILL THEM.
THE CHURCH OF ARSENAL CHANGES THE LAW TO MAKE IT MORE CONVENIENT FOR THEM.
I OWE MY LIFE TO FATHER GROSHICHI ...
HUFF
DON'T WORRY, I WON'T KILL YOU. BUT, I WON'T LET THEM KILL GROSHICHI, EITHER.
I WONDER IF HIS CHILD DREW THAT PICTURE...?
HUFF
WE DON'T FIND FIGHTING IN THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE TO BE A SIN.
THAT'S WHAT I RAISED MY KIDS TO BELIEVE.
HUFF
THAT'S OUR JUSTICE...

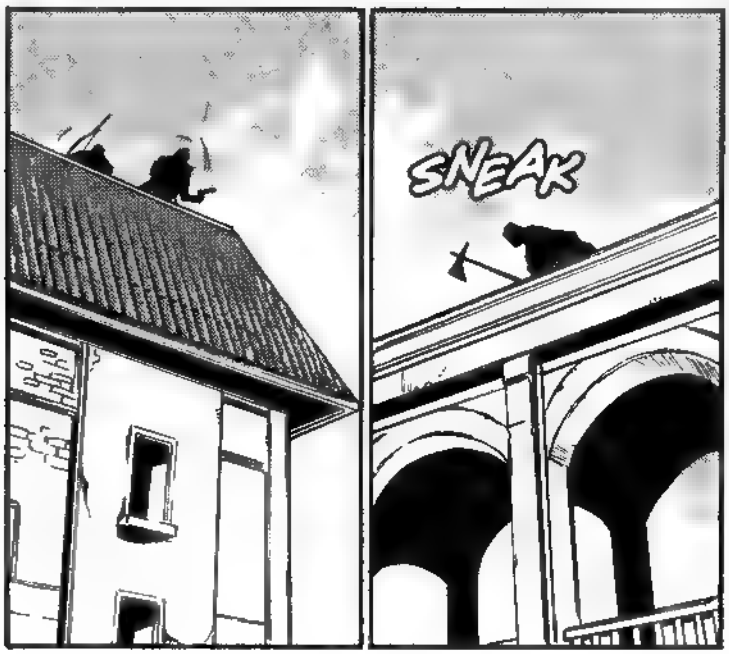
WHY SHOULD I BE PUT ON TRIAL HERE, INQUISITOR GARRINCHA?!
I AM NOT A HERETIC!
THE SENTENCE I HANDED DOWN WAS ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE!
THE MATERIA DISSIDENTS ARE HERETICS OF THE HIGHEST ORDER.
WHAT AUTHORITY DO YOU HAVE TO PARDON ONE OF THEIR RANK?
...UH...
GEH...
THERE'S SO MUCH TENSION IN THE AIR...
DA--!
SHOULD I SLICE OFF THAT IDIOT INQUISITOR'S HEAD NOW, BEFORE HE CAN PASS SENTENCE?!
SLAM!
GUILTY!
MURMUR
ざわっ

IF THE CRIMINAL MEORA DOESN'T ARRIVE AT STARD LARN WITHIN TEN DAYS...
...I SENTENCE YOU TO ENGAGE IN PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.
WHA-
WHA--?
THE LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE WILL BE STARD LARN FARM.
IT'S NOT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT...?
IF THE SENTENCE IS EXECUTED, AN ASSISTANT ABBOT WILL SERVE IN YOUR PLACE.
HOW LAME IS THAT?
TEN DAYS IS PLENTY OF TIME FOR MEORA TO ESCAPE.
NO-- THE FATHER MADE AN APPROPRIATE DECISION. THIS ISN'T A HERETIC INQUISITION.
THE PUNISHMENT MUST FIT THE CRIME. A DEATH SENTENCE WOULD BE EXCESSIVE.
THE COURT IS...
...DISMISSED!



OR WAS HE INTIMIDATED BY THE PRESENCE OF ALL MY BODY-GUARDS?
IS THAT THE JUDGE-MENT OF GARRINCHA, THE "HEART-LESS ZEBRA?"
IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!




SNEAK

GARRINCHA!
RELEASE FATHER GROSHICHI!!
FATHER GROSHICHI... I'M HERE TO RESCUE YOU...
HEH
...I WON'T LET ARSENAL... TREAT US LIKE DOGS! HEH HEH HEH...
HEH
MEORA, YOU FOOL--!!
DON'T EVEN THINK OF MOVING...
...OR WE'LL SHOOT.

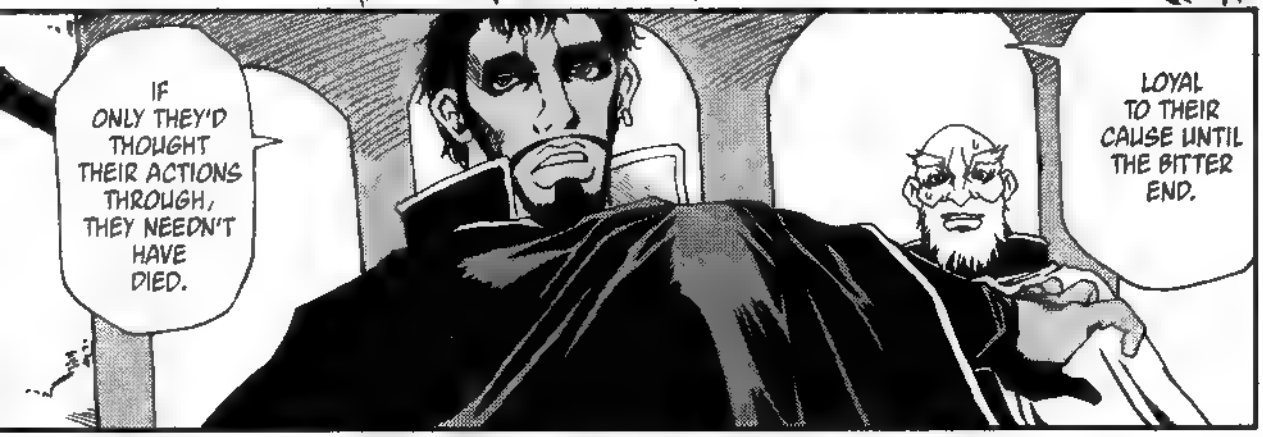
NOW, LOOK DOWN THERE...
CAPRIA!
WHAT DO YOU SAY WE MAKE A DEAL?
HUFF
HO- HOW ABOUT THAT...
HUFF
...TESTA... RO...
SEE. I TOLD YOU SHE WOULD TURN UP.

SPIN
KA-BOOM
WHA--?!

BOOM
WHOA!
YOU...
...DON'T YOU CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE WOMAN?!
BAM
HUH? WHAT THE--?!
JEEZ. YOU COULD'VE JUST ASKED.

FWIP
FWISSS
WE ROUND THEM ALL UP.
SEE?
HUH?

FWUMP


IF ONLY THEY'D THOUGHT THEIR ACTIONS THROUGH, THEY NEEDN'T HAVE DIED.
LOYAL TO THEIR CAUSE UNTIL THE BITTER END.

CAPRIA...
.....

H-HOW MONSTROUS! THEY SLAUGHTERED THEM IN A MATTER OF SECONDS!

WHAT A SHAME...

GRIN
WHY...
...ARE YOU SMILING?
YOU JUST KILLED THEM...
CAPRIA, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
AH... I...I'M... FINE...
...I'M SORRY I MADE YOU GUYS WORRY ABOUT ME.
HUH?
.....
...YOU'RE SAFE!
BECAUSE...

LEONEDUS, WHY DID YOU SHOOT HIM?
MEORA DIDN'T EVEN HAVE THE ENERGY LEFT TO SWING THAT AX.
HIS BODY WAS BROKEN, BUT HIS EYES WEREN'T DEAD.
I WON'T HESITATE TO ATTACK...
...WHEN MY MASTER'S SAFETY IS THREATENED.
THAT'S MY JUSTICE.

AT THAT MOMENT, CAPRIA SAW...
FIGHTING FOR THE JUSTICE HE BELIEVES IN.
...THAT THE TESTAROTHO AND THE MATERIA REBELS...
...WEREN'T REALLY SO DIFFERENT.

End Passage 2

Passage 3:
Memory of a Red Hand, Part One

ELYSIA UNIFICATION COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS
IN HALF AN HOUR IT'LL BE TIME FOR ME TO SWITCH WITH LEONEDUS.
GRK
.....

WHOOSH
HIYA!
?!

SNAG
SZAG
FWING
WHACK
HA!!!

!
SHP
SHUNK
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE HESITATED.
FWUMP

SABATI?

SABATI?

SABATI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

DASH
TMP TMP
TMP
SABATI!
WHERE ARE YOU?!
SABATI?
LE... O...
HE.. LP..
!

KA
BAM
SABATI!!
SNEER

GASP
AH!
UH...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
WE... WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE, SABATI!

SLAM
UH...
WAAAAAH!!

HUFF
HUFF
!

A DREAM...

WHAT AN UN-PLEASANT MOON...
.....

I CAN'T SLEEP.
WE DON'T CONSIDER.
...WHAT WE DO TO BE SINFUL.
I DON'T THINK...
...EITHER PARTY WAS IN THE WRONG THAT TIME.

DOES THE FACT THAT I'M EVEN QUESTION-ING OUR TEACHINGS...
...MEAN THAT I'M A FAILURE AS A ROTHO?
LEONEDUS AND GINORA FOLLOWED THEIR CONVICTIONS AND DID WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS RIGHT.
WONK
HUH? LEONEDUS' DOOR IS OPEN...
CREEEAK
...? I DON'T SEE ANY-ONE.
I WONDER IF IT'S LEONEDUS.
EVERY-ONE IS SUPPOSED TO BE OUT TONIGHT.

PEEK
LEONEDUS ...?
MAYBE HE'S OUT ON WATCH DUTY...?
IT'S A BLOOD MOON. I HOPE THAT ISN'T AN OMEN THAT SOMETHING BAD WILL HAPPEN.

BWAAA!
BWAAA!
BWAAA!
BWAAA!
WAAA!
BWAAA!

AH...
AH...
...AH...

AH.

AUWA...

AH

GWA!

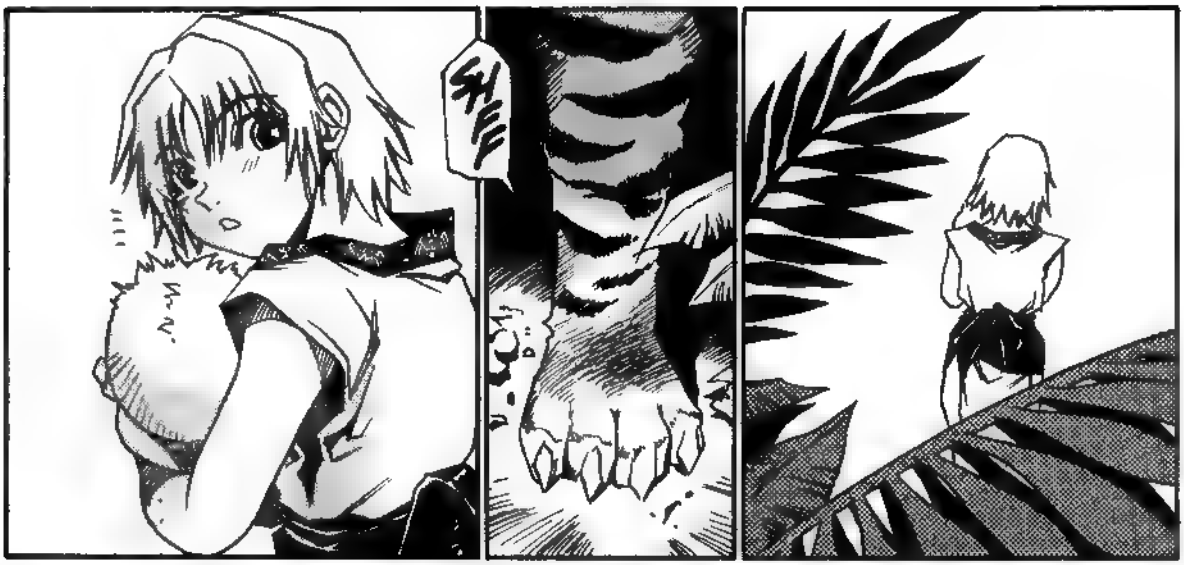
SQUEEZE

NUA...

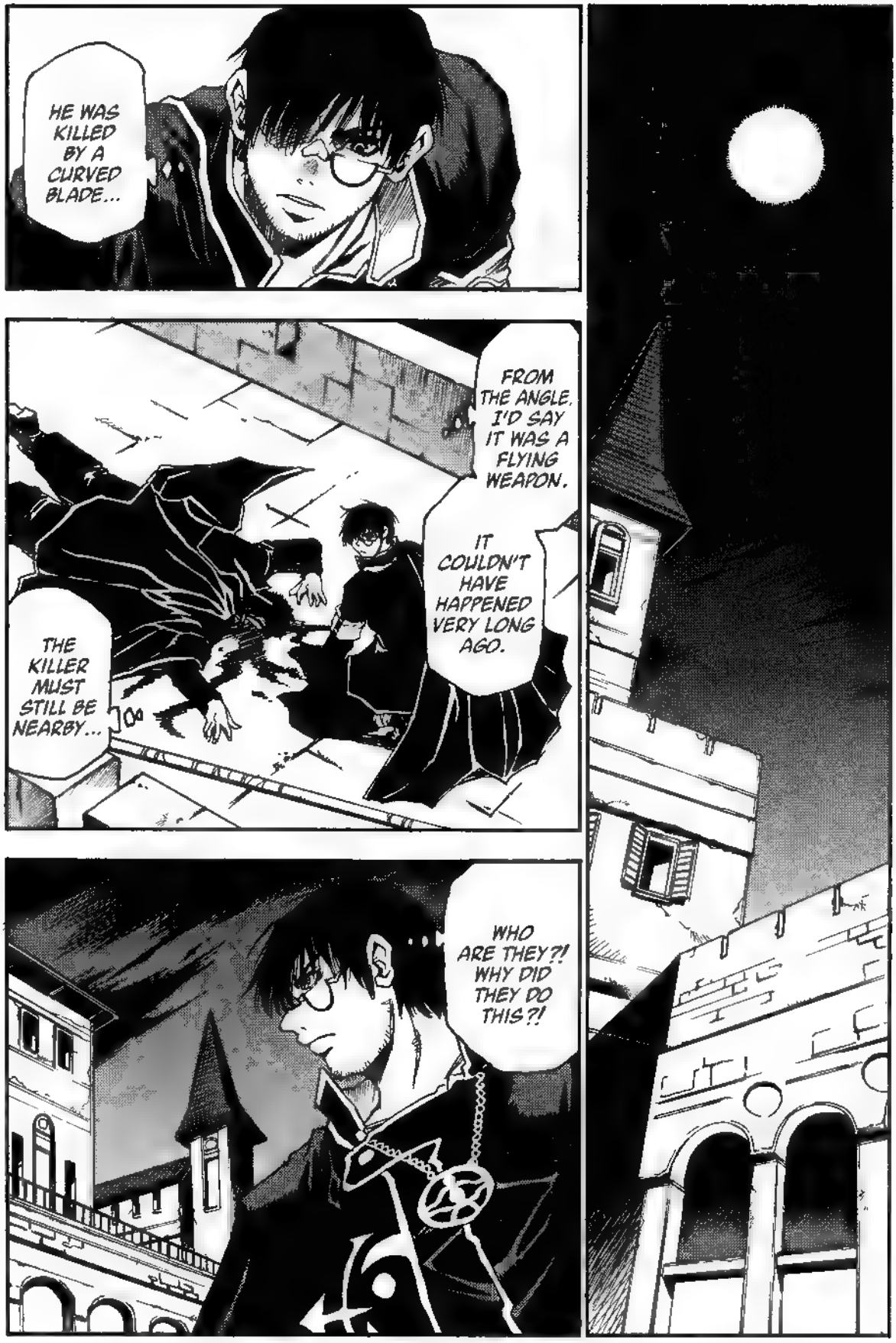
AH...

.....
AH...
AH...
"YAWN"
YOUR MOTHER...
...MUST HAVE REALLY WANTED TO PROTECT YOU.

LET'S GET YOU BACK TO TOWN.
THE PEOPLE THERE ARE ALL VERY NICE.


SHIP

GRRRR
HUG
GRRRR
STEP


HE WAS KILLED BY A CURVED BLADE...
FROM THE ANGLE, I'D SAY IT WAS A FLYING WEAPON.
IT COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED VERY LONG AGO.
THE KILLER MUST STILL BE NEARBY...
WHO ARE THEY?! WHY DID THEY DO THIS?!

DASH
IT'S THE ASSASSIN!!
SPANG
THIS IS IT!!
SHOOP
!

BLAM
WHA--?!
WHAT?!
BOOM

SHING
WHOOOSH
CRUNCH

THAT WAS A GARDEN ASSASSIN'S TECHNIQUE.
SHE DISTRACTED ME WITH A DUMMY, THEN ATTACKED FROM THE REAR.
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
LONG TIME NO SEE...
WHAT--?!
JUST AS I THOUGHT. YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SHOT MY HUSBAND.

SABATI!
LEONEDUS.
End Passage 3

Memory of a Red Hand (part two)

Passage 4:
Memory of a Red Hand, Part Two

YANK
YOU DON'T NEED TO PRAY...
...FOR SUCH A BASTARD.
SQUISH.

GUSH
DRIP
DRIP
SHIT...
WIPE
WIPE
.....
STAND UP, SABATI.
WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE.

...YEAH.
ARE YOU ABLE TO MOVE?
LEONEDUS...
DASH

...I'M HERE TO...
...END YOUR LIFE.
KA CHING
CLASH
CRASH
SHE'S FAST!
I CAN'T TELL WHERE SHE'LL ATTACK FROM NEXT!!

ドカ
BOOM

WHERE THE HELL IS SHE...?!
ANOTHER DUMMY.
CHING
KACHNK
TWIRL
DON'T MOVE.
CRACK
TWIRL
HOW INCONVENIENT THAT YOUR BULLETS DON'T COME BACK TO YOU LIKE MY BLADES.

...I WROTE YOU OFF AS DEAD.
EVER SINCE YOU RAN OFF TO FOLLOW THE LEADERS OF MATERIA...

...NO... ONCE I MET MY HUSBAND, I CHANGED.
FROM THE MOMENT I MET THEM...
I AM A MEMBER OF MATERIA, NOW.

AND RELIGIOUS DOCTRINES CERTAINLY DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING TO ME.
IT DIDN'T MATTER HOW I KILLED OR WHO.
EVER SINCE THAT TIME IN THE GARDEN, I NO LONGER HESITATED IN KILLING ANYONE.

BUT MEORA WAS DIFFERENT. HE WAS THE ONLY PERSON WHO TREATED ME AS A HUMAN BEING. HE WAS A DECENT PERSON.
I JUST KILLED AS ORDERED.
I BECAME A HEARTLESS ASSASSIN WHO FOLLOWED ANY ORDERS HANDED DOWN BY NEO ARSEN.
I KNEW THAT I COULD NEVER RETURN TO NEO ARSEN AND THE LIFE I KNEW.
...SOMETHING INSIDE ME HAD ALREADY CHANGED.
BY THE TIME I REALIZED HE WAS ONE OF THE LEADERS OF MATERIA...
WE DON'T JUST FIGHT AGAINST ARSENAL BECAUSE THEY CONSIDER US AS AN ENEMY.
MATERIA ISN'T A TERRORIST GROUP.
YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT US.
...WAS THE ACT OF A "DECENT PERSON?"
SO, YOU'RE SAYING THAT TERRORIST ATTACK ON GARRINCHA...

LEONEDUS...
...THERE ARE THINGS YOU'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND AS LONG AS YOU'RE A PART OF ARSENAL.
OURS IS A JUST FIGHT, AND ONE WE WILL NOT WALK AWAY FROM.
ARSENAL IS AN ENEMY THAT WE MUST DEFEAT.
WHEN I HEARD THAT MEORA WAS KILLED, I KNEW THAT IT WAS YOU WHO SHOT HIM.
DO YOU KNOW WHY I CAME HERE ALONE, LEONEDUS?
I DIDN'T WANT TO LET ANY-ONE ELSE KILL YOU!
TWIRL

KACHING
I NEED TO GET UP-STAIRS...
.....
I'M A SITTING DUCK DOWN HERE.
SWISH
SWISH
SWISH
SWISH
...WHICH WAY?!

LUNGE
DODGE
TAP

ARSENAL IS TRYING TO UNITE ALL ELYSIA UNDER THE ONE TRUE DOCTRINE.
THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO CREATE A PERMANENT PEACE.
SABATI, YOU'RE WRONG.
I SEE YOUR MASTERS HAVEN'T CHANGED.
DON'T YOU SEE? ARSENAL ISN'T ABOUT SPREADING DIVINE JUSTICE...
...IT'S ABOUT POWER, PURE AND SIMPLE.
CADRIA!
GET BACK IN THERE!!

SHUNK
!
.....
...DIDN'T THEY TEACH YOU THAT IN THE GARDEN?
IF YOU GET DISTRACTED YOU'LL GET KILLED...
LEONEUS!

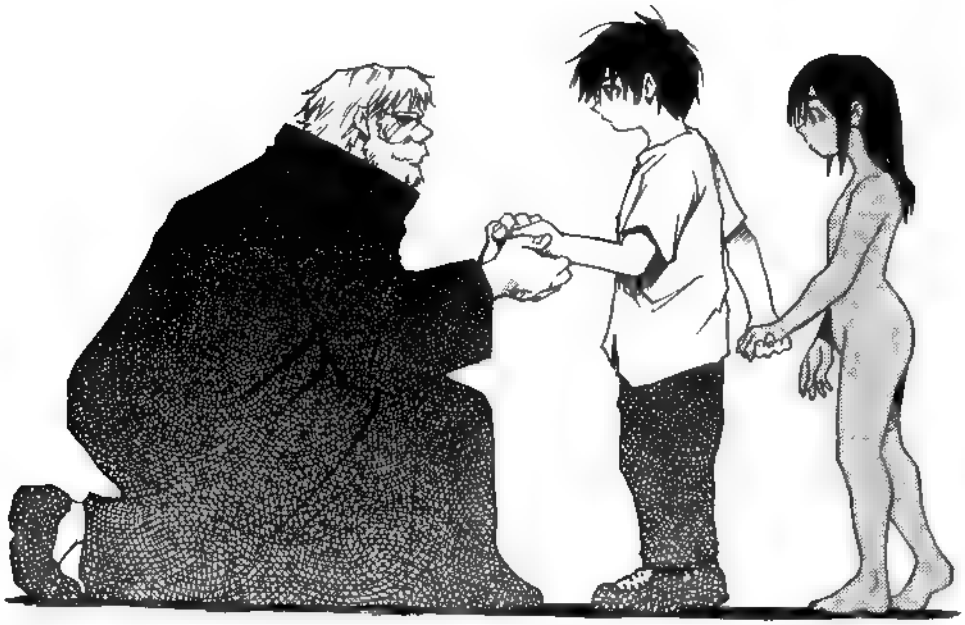
GASP
LET'S HIDE IN HERE FOR AWHILE.
THIS SHOULD DO...
WHO'S THERE?

WHAT'S WRONG, CHILDREN?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP AT THIS HOUR?
FATHER GARRINCHA!
IT LOOKS LIKE BURGLARS BROKE INTO THE BUILDING.
HAVE YOU NOTICED ANYTHING UNUSUAL?
TMP TMP TMP...

NO...I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY.
.....
IT...IT'S OVER...
ALL RIGHT, JUST BE ON YOUR GUARD, FATHER!
WHAT?!
...WE'RE GOING TO GET CAUGHT!!
THERE'S NO WAY HE DIDN'T NOTICE...
WHY WON'T HE SAY ANYTHING...?
WH-WHY...?!
HUH?!

I MUST TELL HIM.
HE MUST BE WAITING FOR ME TO CONFESS.
THAT'S IT...HE'S TESTING ME.
UM...
I'LL TELL HIM...
I'LL TELL HIM THAT...
WHAT DOES GOD GIVE TO US?
...GOD.
I...
...I DID IT!
THEN, WHERE IS GOD?
... LIGHT ...?

...EVERYWHERE.
THAT IS CORRECT.
HE'S HERE, TOO.



KRAK
KRAK!
VOOM
!
SHUN
SMASH
!!

GASP!
SHE STOPPED ATTACKING!!
BAM
AH!

GRAB
!!
IF YOU GET DISTRACTED YOU'LL GET KILLED.
DIDN'T THEY TEACH YOU THAT IN THE GARDEN?
!!!

ADMIT YOUR SIN AND BE TRIED AT THE COURT...
...SABA!
SNEAK
I KNOW I HIT YOUR RIGHT HAND.
YOU CAN'T SHOOT...
...WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND ANYMORE, CAN YOU?
WHY WON'T HE SWITCH HIS GUN TO HIS LEFT HAND?

OH...
...I SEE IT NOW.
FROM THE BEGIN-NING...
...YOU WERE NEVER PLANNING TO SHOOT ME...
...WERE YOU, LEONEDUS?
BUT, I CAN'T... THIS PLACE HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL.
I COULD NEVER GET A FAIR VERDICT.

BACK THEN, THE ONLY REASON I WAS ABLE TO STOP SHAKING...
...WAS BECAUSE OF YOUR GENTLE HAND.
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED EITHER...
...LEONEDUS...

SABAT!

SA!

I'M SORRY...

...BUT I CAN'T HOLD ON TO THAT HAND ANY-MORE.

!!

End Passage 4

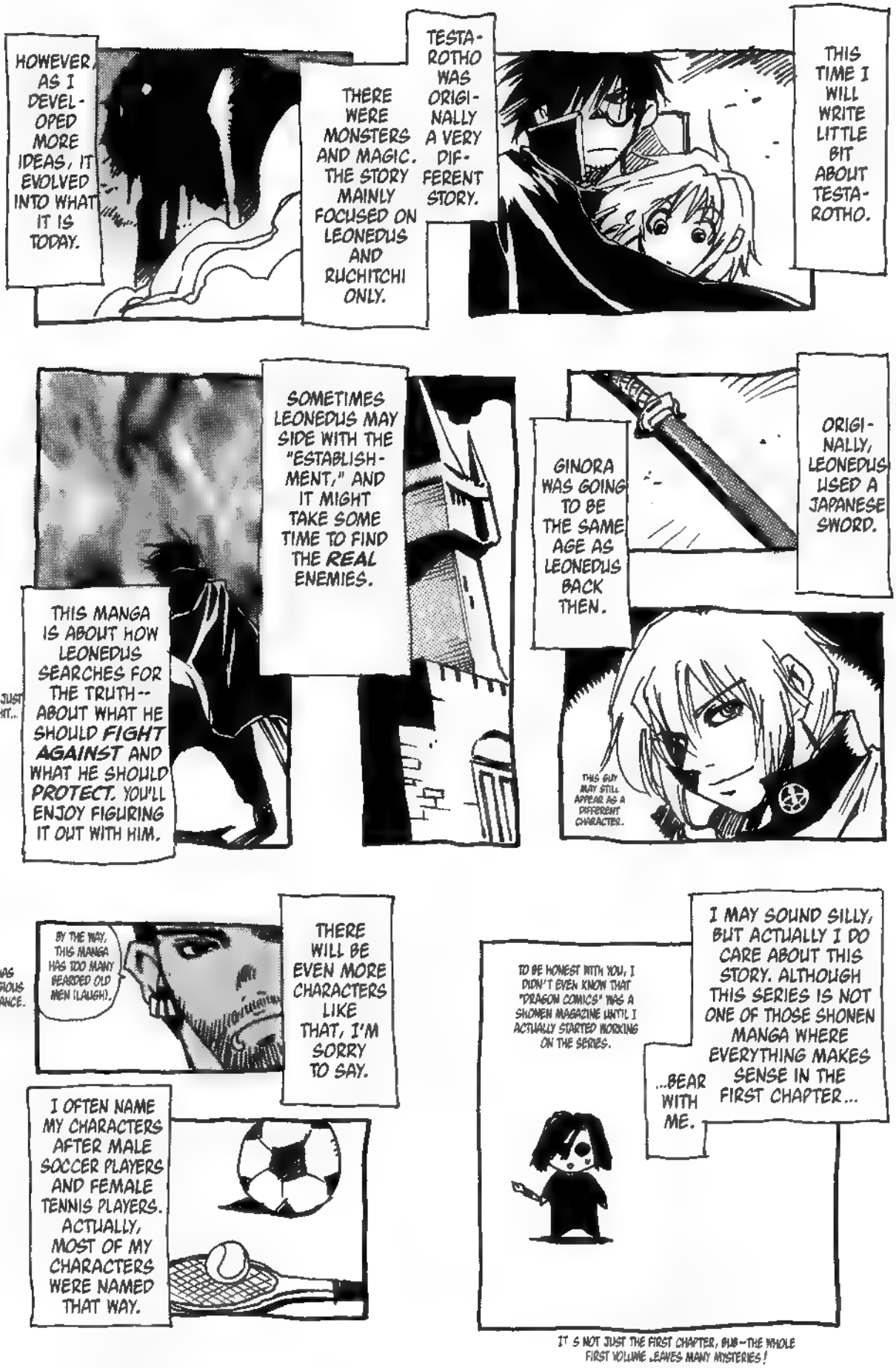
TESTAROTHO Vol. 2 © 2001 Kei Sanbe/Kadokawa Shoten Publishing Co., Ltd.

On Sale in November
TESTAROTHO VOL. 2
By Sanbe Kei

Betrayed by their allies, the Corinthians, the group falls into a deadly trap! A violent peasant uprising is imminent and this could be the spark that starts the fire. Also, more of the tragic events surrounding Leonzon Heath are revealed, as well as his early connection to Father Gartrude.

cmxmanga.com

THE BIZARRO LIFE OF SANBEI KEI
SO, HERE'S TESTAROTHO'S VERSION OF MY "BIZZARO LIFE."
LET ME EXPLAIN, AS I IMAGINE MOST OF YOU AREN'T FAMILIAR WITH THIS FEATURE.
THESE BONUS PAGES ARE WHERE I BABBLE ON ABOUT MY EVERYDAY ROUTINE AT WORK.
I NEVER EXPECTED IT TO APPEAL TO ANYONE BUT ME, BUT I FOUND OUT THAT FANS LOOK FORWARD TO READING IT, SO I DECIDED TO KEEP IT GOING.


HOWEVER AS I DEVELOPED MORE IDEAS, IT EVOLVED INTO WHAT IT IS TODAY.
THERE WERE MONSTERS AND MAGIC. THE STORY MAINLY FOCUSED ON LEONEDUS AND RUCHITCHI ONLY.
TESTAROTHO WAS ORIGINALLY A VERY DIFFERENT STORY.
THIS TIME I WILL WRITE LITTLE BIT ABOUT TESTAROTHO.
SOMETIMES LEONEDUS MAY SIDE WITH THE "ESTABLISHMENT," AND IT MIGHT TAKE SOME TIME TO FIND THE REAL ENEMIES.
THIS MANGA IS ABOUT HOW LEONEDUS SEARCHES FOR THE TRUTH -- ABOUT WHAT HE SHOULD FIGHT AGAINST AND WHAT HE SHOULD PROTECT. YOU'LL ENJOY FIGURING IT OUT WITH HIM.
THAT'S JUST BULLSHIT..
ORIGINALLY, LEONEDUS USED A JAPANESE SWORD.
GINORA WAS GOING TO BE THE SAME AGE AS LEONEDUS BACK THEN.
THIS GUY MAY STILL APPEAR AS A DIFFERENT CHARACTER.
THERE WILL BE EVEN MORE CHARACTERS LIKE THAT, I'M SORRY TO SAY.
BY THE WAY, THIS MANGA HAS TOO MANY BEARDED OLD MEN (LAUGH).
THIS WAS NO RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE.
I OFTEN NAME MY CHARACTERS AFTER MALE SOCCER PLAYERS AND FEMALE TENNIS PLAYERS. ACTUALLY, MOST OF MY CHARACTERS WERE NAMED THAT WAY.
I MAY SOUND SILLY, BUT ACTUALLY I DO CARE ABOUT THIS STORY. ALTHOUGH THIS SERIES IS NOT ONE OF THOSE SHONEN MANGA WHERE EVERYTHING MAKES SENSE IN THE FIRST CHAPTER...
...BEAR WITH ME.
TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT "DRAGON COMICS" WAS A SHONEN MAGAZINE UNTIL I ACTUALLY STARTED WORKING ON THE SERIES.
IT S NOT JUST THE FIRST CHAPTER, BUB--THE WHOLE FIRST VOLUME LEAVES MANY MYSTERIES!

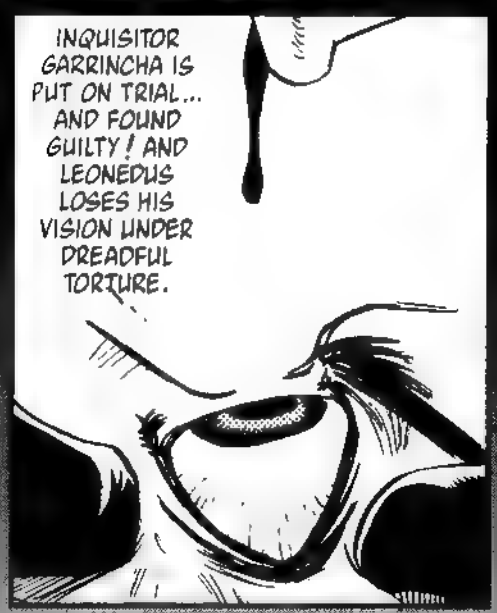
WELL... ALCHEMY WILL STILL BE PART OF THE STORY, BUT ORIGINALLY ALCHEMY WAS THE MAIN FOCUS.
MIND
BODY
SPIRIT
ORIGINALLY, ALCHEMY WAS GOING TO BE PART OF THE STORY, THEREFORE THERE'S A NAME LIKE MATERIA, AND SOMEWHAT MAGICAL COSTUME DESIGNS.
THIS IS GETTING TOO DETAILED, SO LET'S TALK ABOUT THE OVERVIEW OF THE STORY.
I WANTED TO EXPLAIN AS I RECEIVED SEVERAL COMMENTS THAT LEONEDUS' COSTUME IS HARD TO FIGURE OUT.
THE COLLAR IS FOR DECORATIVE PURPOSES ONLY AND CAN'T BE CLOSED.
LEONEDUS HAS A SEMICIRCLE CAPE ON HIS RIGHT SHOULDER.
LIKE THESE THINGS.
WELL, SOMETIMES I DO FORGET OTHER THINGS (LAUGH).
ALSO, I OFTEN DON'T DRAW POCKETS OR BELTS (LAUGH), BUT IT'S NOT BECAUSE I FORGET ABOUT THEM. I MAY PURPOSELY ELIMINATE THEM WHEN I DECIDE IT'S BETTER AESTHETICALLY NOT TO HAVE THEM IN THE IMAGES.
LATER.
IF THERE ISN'T A TESTAROTHO VOLUME 2, PLEASE ASSUME THAT SOMETHING HAPPENED TO ME DURING MY TRIP (LAUGH).
BYE-BYE!
DANGER
AS SOON AS I'M FINISHED DRAWING THIS, I'M GOING ON A SKI TRIP WITH MR. MAIZAKA (TALE OF HIMIKO, OTEARAI UNIVERSITY).
ANYHOW, PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT MY WORK.

テスタロト 第②巻予告!

Testarotho

volume 2 preview

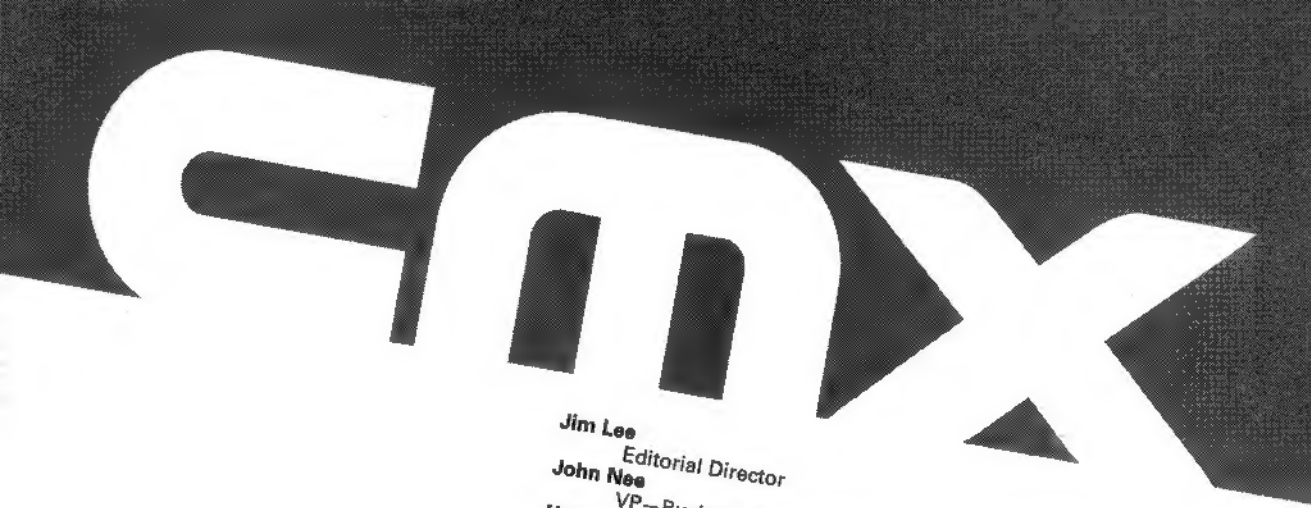
WHEN LEONEDUS AND HIS TROOPS ARRIVED AT SETENBURO, THEY WERE FORCED TO SURRENDER DUE TO THE ENEMY'S OVERWHELMING STRENGTH..


INQUISITOR GARRINCHA IS PUT ON TRIAL... AND FOUND GUILTY! AND LEONEDUS LOSES HIS VISION UNDER DREADFUL TORTURE.

LEONEDUS TRIES TO PROTECT GARRINCHA'S LIFE EVEN IF IT MEANS SACRIFICING HIMSELF.
...I MUST SHOOT HIM...
...I MUST SHOOT HIM, BUT...!
MY FINGER WON'T MOVE...
WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN LEONEDUS AND GARRINCHA IN THE PAST?!

THEY'RE SURROUNDED BY COUNTLESS RUTHLESS ENEMIES.
WE CAN'T BUY ANY MORE TIME. WE'LL HAVE TO BREAK THROUGH THEIR RANKS.
GOT IT.
WE'LL MEET AGAIN ONCE WE HAVE GARRINCHA.
AFTER YOU'VE GOTTEN AWAY, YOU CAN COME BACK FOR ME.
HUFF
I'M SORRY, SOCRATES...I'M AFRAID I HAVE TO LEAVE YOU.
BOTH LEONIDUS AND SOCRATES ARE FOLLOWING THEIR FAITH AND ARE FIGHTING FOR THEIR JUSTICE...
WHAT ABOUT ME?!
...WILL THEY FIND A WAY TO ESCAPE?! WHERE IS THEIR TRUTH...THEIR JUSTICE...THEIR GOD?!
THE SOULS OF RIGHTEOUS MEN WILL SHAKE THE LAND FREE OF VIOLENCE AND OPPRESSION!!!

TESTAROTHO VOLUME 2: COMING NOVEMBER 2005!



Jim Lee
Editorial Director
John Nee
VP—Business Development
Hank Kanalz
VP—General Manager, WildStorm
Paul Levitz
President & Publisher
Georg Brewer
VP—Design & Retail Product Development
Richard Bruning
Senior VP—Creative Director
Patrick Caldon
Senior VP—Finance & Operations
Chris Caramalis
VP—Finance
Terri Cunningham
VP—Managing Editor
Stephanie Fierman
Senior VP—Sales & Marketing
Alison Gill
VP—Manufacturing
Rich Johnson
VP—Book Trade Sales
Lillian Laserson
Senior VP & General Counsel
Paula Lowitt
Senior VP—Business & Legal Affairs
David McKillips
VP—Advertising & Custom Publishing
Gregory Noveck
Senior VP—Creative Affairs
Cheryl Rubin
Senior VP—Brand Management
Bob Wayne
VP—Sales

Akira Tsubasa
Translation

Jake Forbes
Adaptation

Clem Robins
Lettering

Ben Abernathy
Editor

John J. Hill
CMX Logo & Publication Design

Ed Roeder
Additional Design

TESTAROTHO Vol. 1 © 2001 Kei Sanbe. All rights reserved. First Published in Japan in 2001 by Kadokawa Shoten Publishing Co., Ltd.

TESTAROTHO VOLUME 1, published by WildStorm Productions, an imprint of DC Comics, 888 Prospect St. #240, La Jolla, CA 92037. English Translation © 2005. All Rights Reserved. English translation rights in U.S.A. arranged with KADOKAWA SHOTEN PUBLISHING CO., LTD., Tokyo, through Tuttle-Mori Agency, Inc. Tokyo. The stories, characters, and incidents mentioned in this magazine are entirely fictional. Printed on recyclable paper. WildStorm does not read or accept unsolicited submissions of ideas, stories or artwork. Printed in Canada.

DC Comics, a Warner Bros. Entertainment Company.

ISBN: 1-4012-0742-1

CMX pure manga

ACTION

Testarotho

HOW FAR WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO GO FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN? WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO SACRIFICE YOUR LIFE FOR YOUR FAITH?

CONFESS YOUR SINS—OR SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES!

The young Capria has completed her studies at Arsenal and has begun her internship with the Elysia Unification Council under Father Garrincha. School lessons, though, couldn't have prepared this sheltered novice for the outside world. A world where rebels battle against the dreaded "Testarotho," heretics are tried and burned at the stake, warring religious factions battle for power, and the common people live a miserable life in feudal servitude. Can she bring a spark of hope to a world filled with destruction and madness? Maybe if she lives long enough!

$9.99 USA $13.50 CAN
ISBN: 1-4012-0742-1
CMXMANGA.COM

DIRECT SALES

7 61941 25037 3 00111

M

MATURE

NUDITY
GRAPHIC VIOLENCE
SEXUAL SITUATIONS

9 781401 207427 50999

CASE

DCP